सीमावर्ती क्षेत्रों में टेलीफोन सुविधाओं की मांग को पूरा करने के लिए सभी प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं। 31.3.97 तक की स्थिति के अनुसार गुजरात के जनजातीय क्षेत्रों तथा कच्छ जिले के सांख्यिकीय आंकड़े पृथक रूप से विवरण में दिए गए हैं। **(नीचे देखिए)**

1997-98 के दौरान गुजरात के जनजातीय क्षेत्रों में 8000 लाइनों की निवल स्विचन क्षमता तथा 5000 नये टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्रदान किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है।

1997-98 के दौरान कच्छ जिले में भी 18280 लाइनों की निवल क्षमता तथा 14500 नये टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्रदान किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है।

(ग) से (ङ) गुजरात में सभी 184 तालुक (तहसील) मुख्यालयों में एस टी डी सुविधा युक्त इलेक्ट्रानिक टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज हैं।

विवरण

31.3.97 की स्थिति के अनुसार गुजरात के जनजातीय क्षेत्रों तथा कच्छ जिले से संबंधित सांख्यिकीय आंकड़े

क्र सं॰	मद	गुजरात के जनजातीय क्षेत्र	कच्छ जिला
1.	एक्सचेंजों की संख्या	140	100
2.	सज्जित क्षमता	60208	43378
3.	कार्य कर रहे कनेक्शन	52248	35669
4.	प्रतीक्षा सूची	16810	14269
5.	ग्रामों में टेलीफोन सुविधा		
	(क) गावों की कुल संख्या	4818	884
	(ख) टेलीफोन सुविधा युक्त गांव	2702	570
	(ग) पंचायतों की कुल संख्या	2437	604
	(घ) टेलीफोन सुविधा युक्त पंचायत	2010	535

Waiting List of Telephone of village Seur-Chamurkha under Kurebhar Telephone Exchange of Sultanpur District, U.P.

5. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons are waiting for the telephone connection from the village Seur-Chamurkha under Kurebhar Telephone Exchange in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along-with the period since when they are on the waiting list;

(c) the main reasons therefor and by when Government propose to clear all the backlog;

(d) whether Gram Pradhan and member of B.D.C. of said village have been provided with the telephone connection; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As on date 10 persons of

village Seur-Chamurkha are in the waiting list for about one year. It is planned to clear this waiting list gradually by March, 1998.

(d) and (e) No Sir. Telephone connections have not been provided to them since they have not yet applied for the same.

Communication Facilities in N.E. Region

6. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of schemes/ projects launched and steps undertaken/ contemplated to improve upon communication facilities in the North-Eastern Region with special reference to Assam?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): During 1997-98, it is proposed to provide 73,000 lines of net switching capacity, 57,500 telephone connections and 6,000 village public telephones in North-East Region which includes net switching capacity of 44,000 lines, 35,000 telephone connections and 4,000 village public telephones for Assam.

During 9th Plan period, the following improvements are proposed for North-East Region including Assam:—

(a) All the remaining Sub-Divisional head quarters in the North East Region will be provided with STD/ ISD facility.

(b) Remaining electro-mechanical exchanges will be replaced by electronic exchanges.

(c) All the remaining villages will be provided with telephone facility.

(d) Provide telephone on demand and connect exchanges by reliable media to bring North-East Region including Assam comparable with most other States of the country.

Application for shifting the Telephone within the Janpath Telephone Exchange

7. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telephone subscribers who applied for shifting of their telephone within the Janpath Telephone Exchange during the months of May and June, 1997;

(b) the dates on which OBs were issued in respect of those telephone subscribers and the actual date on which the telephone starred functicning at the new premises;

(c) whether the officials in the Janpath Telephone Exchange have ignored to accede to the request of the telephone subscribers on 'first-come-first-serve' basis for shifting of their telephones; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take against the officials who deliberately violated the norms and rules?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUINICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Sir, the details of 147 telephone subscribers who applied for shifting of their telephones during the months of May and June, 97 are given as per list enclosed. (*See* Appendix 181, Annexure No. 1).

(b) Sir, complete details about the date of request received, OB issued and actual date of execution of OB are given as per list enclosed. (*see* Appendix 181, Annexure No. 1)

(c) No Sir. Shifting of telephones in the feasible pockets have been implemented pillarwise on seniority basis.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c).

Transfer/Shifting of the Telephone Connection

8. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: